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1. Scowcroft met yesterday with Han Hsu and Chi Ch'ao-chu to discuss two items. We had been informed that agreement on my visit and timing of an announcement would be delayed until Huang could consult in Peking. Scowcroft registered on a personal basis my surprise at this development, since we had earlier been invited to come at any time for any length of time. Han carefully pointed out delay ^{related} ~~regarded~~ only ^{to} specific dates of visit and announcement, not fact of trip itself. We have now proposed announcement date of July 19, with fallback date of July 23.

2. Scowcroft then discussed importance of my trip in terms of expectations being raised regarding Cambodia. He pointed out that I was architect of Sino-American rapprochement and that were the outcome of my trip to be appraised in negative terms, it would undermine my authority ^{unless we postured it clearly} ~~and thus jeopardize the entire policy of~~ ^{ahead of time} ~~reconciliation~~. Scowcroft asked, with this in mind, whether the

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Chinese could give us some estimate of possible outcome of my visit with regard to Cambodia. Han promised to report to his government. ^{He} ~~but~~ observed the Prime Minister was well aware of my contribution to rapprochement. Han further ^{noted} ~~observed~~ that Chou had stated many times the Chinese position on Cambodia -- that a solution was a matter for discussion among the Cambodians. Scowcroft acknowledged this but pointed out that the friends of the various Cambodian parties should use their influence in favor of a settlement in the interests of both our countries.

3. Many thanks for your thoughtful analysis in referenced messages. Your comments are most helpful in structuring ^{our material} ~~ourselves~~ for my upcoming talks, and I will appreciate anything further which you may have.

Warm regards.

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